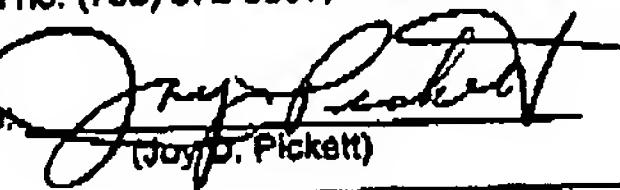


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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 14, 2004, Applicant hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, Group 1, Claims 1-5, drawn to a method of forming a structure for testing, classified in Class 29, Subclass 825 for continued examination.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

- I. Claim 1-5, drawn to a method of forming a structure for testing, classified in Class 29, Subclass 825; and
- II. Claims 6-18, drawn to a structure for testing external connections to semiconductor devices, classified in Class 324, Subclass 754.

The Examiner believes that invention I and II are distinctly related as process of making and product made. In the instant case, the method of invention I can be used to make a structure where the electrical path is not external.

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Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 09-0456, under Order No. 21806-00146-US1 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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